

**Anderson County, Tennessee**  
**Board of Commissioners**

RESOLUTION NO. 03-04 #161

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH THE USE OF INITIATIVES, PLANNING, PROGRAMS, REGULATIONS AND PROPOSED LEGISLATION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Anderson County Board of Commissioners is firmly committed to improving the quality of life for its citizens, and

**WHEREAS**, air pollution is regionally and nationally a cause for concern, and

**WHEREAS**, Anderson County is a member of the Knoxville Area Early Action Compact comprised of seven (7) East Tennessee counties working together to improve air quality in the eastern area of Tennessee, and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Air Pollution Control Board represents local governments, such as Anderson County, at state and national levels on critical air quality issues, and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Anderson County Board of Commissioners meeting in regular session in Clinton, Tennessee on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004 that:

**SECTION 1:** The Anderson County Board of Commissioners strongly supports the partnership with Blount, Jefferson, Knox, Loudon, Sevier and Union counties to work jointly with and to implement measures that directly and indirectly reduce air pollutant levels.

**SECTION 2:** The Anderson County Board of Commissioners supports and encourages the continued efforts of the Tennessee Air Pollution Control Board to improve air quality throughout the state.

**SECTION 3:** The Anderson County Board of Commissioners supports the efforts and planning promoted by the Knoxville Area Early Action Plan, a comprehensive initiative designed to reduce airborne pollutants in the metropolitan Knoxville area.

**SECTION 4:** The Anderson County Board of Commissioners has resolved to support, promote and encourage participation and legislative consideration of the following programs designed to reduce airborne pollutants:

- A) Statewide vehicle inspection program to include diesel powered vehicles, and
- B) Statewide Stage I vapor control regulations for gas station pumping equipment, and
- C) Statewide Anti-idling legislation designed to reduce long-term idling of diesel powered commercial vehicles, and
- D) Statewide enforcement efforts designed to reduce and eliminate vehicle emission control equipment tampering, including illegal removal of catalytic converters and other emission control devices,

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- E) Statewide legislation to reduce the speed limit for interstate operated commercial trucks to 55 mph, and
- F) Statewide legislation to adopt Reasonably Achievable Control Technology (RACT) rules for Nitrous Oxide (NOx) emissions designed to require installation of low NOx combustion controls, such as low NOx burners and fuel additives at industrial facilities, and
- G) Statewide legislation to enact the Truck Stop Electrification Program (T.S.E.P.) designed to reduce idling emissions at truck stops by the installation of electrical power outlets to allow refrigerated transport trailers the ability to use clean electrical power instead of diesel power to operate refrigeration equipment while parked at truck stops, and
- H) Regional participation in the Air Quality Outreach and Action Day Program currently being developed by the Regional Clean Air Coalition, a regional organization of eleven (11) East Tennessee counties actively working in concert to bring cleaner air to the East Tennessee region. This program centers on public education regarding sources, causes and solutions to air pollution, and
- I) Smart Trips Program, a regional program designed to promote carpooling and alternative trip reduction planning, and
- J) Regional Traffic Light Synchronization Program as a means to reduce emissions surrounding densely populated arterial corridors during peak commuter times.

**SECTION 5:** The Anderson County Board of Commissioners is committed to the exploration and possible utilization of hybrid vehicles for use in the county's vehicle fleet. Anderson County Government will consider replacing some county-owned fleet vehicles with hybrid fueled vehicles, as replacements are needed, and as funding permits, if technological advances produce a more efficient and economical vehicle and lower fuel costs.

**SECTION 6:** The Anderson County Board of Commissioners pledges to evaluate the feasibility and potential commitment to the use of alternative cleaner burning fuels based on practical implementation considerations and economic viability.

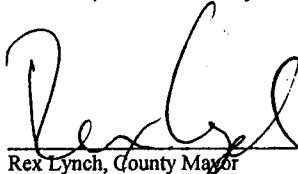
**SECTION 7:** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon majority approval by the Anderson County Board of Commissioners the public welfare requiring it.

**RESOLVED,** duly passed and approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004.

**APPROVED:**

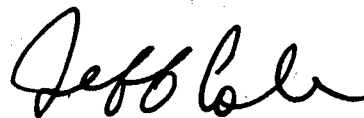


Mike Cox, Anderson County Commission, Chair



Rex Lynch, County Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Jeff Cole, Anderson County Clerk

